

Mark and I are incredibly grateful for the enormous outpouring of affection and respect for Norm we have seen, culminating in today's naming of the King County Regional Justice Center in his honor. Unfortunately, it was only through his untimely death that we were able to understand fully how many lives he touched and how his public service inspired so many.

We would like to thank the King County Executive and King County Council for their decision to designate this facility the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center.

In addition, we would like to express our appreciation to the many fine men and women who worked with Norm and supported his vision for justice and fairness during the 28 years he was King County Prosecutor, including: all of the Executives and King County Council members who served with him during that period of time; the lawyers and staff of the King County Prosecuting Attorneys office, of whom he was so proud; Prosecutors from other Washington State counties, who were his valued colleagues; and state, county and local officials, across the state, who worked with him on criminal justice reform, and without whose efforts criminal justice reform would not have been possible.

Lastly, we owe a deep gratitude to all those who supported him, especially those attending our wonderful campaign kick-off breakfasts. How we will miss those in the future! To them, and to all Norm's colleagues and friends, we say a heartfelt "thank you."

~ Judy and Mark Maleng



Designation Ceremony

December 1, 2007 10:00-11:00 a.m.



This building was opened in March of 1997 and was known as "The King County Regional Justice Center." Following the untimely death of King County Prosecuting Attorney Norm Maleng in May of 2007, the King County Council and King County Executive now name this facility "The Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center" in his memory.

Norm Maleng was born in 1938 in the small dairy farm community of Acme in Whatcom County. Norm never forgot the small-town values he learned of hard work, integrity, respect for his fellow citizens and love of family. After graduating from the University of Washington and its Law School, Norm had a distinguished career as King County Prosecuting Attorney from 1979 to 2007 and as a leader for criminal justice reform state-wide. After initially being elected Prosecutor, he won reelection to seven consecutive terms.

We should remember Norm for his enthusiasm for the job, his sense of fair play and justice, his leadership and above all his eternal optimism. The citizens of King County and its government are poorer for his loss but should be inspired by his example.

As Prosecutor, Norm often said that the mission of his office was "not just to win cases, but to serve the cause of justice".

May all who enter these halls find the same passion for justice that inspired the career of King County Prosecuting Attorney Norm Maleng.

Introduction

Mike McKay Master of Ceremonies

National Anthem

Ann Corning

Invocation

Doug Wheeler Christian Restoration Center

Plague Presentation

Ron Sims King County Executive

Tributes

Dan Satterberg Prosecuting Attorney

Sue Rahr King County Sheriff

Larry Gossett Chair, King County Council

Pete von Reichbauer King County Councilmember

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Plaque Presentation

Suzanne Sinclair, President, Washington Association of County Officials

Randy Gaylord, President, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys

Tributes

Robert Lasnik
Chief Judge, Western District of Washington,
U.S. District Court

Michael Trickey, Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court

Barbara Linde, Presiding Judge, King County District Court

Closing

Mike McKay and Mark Maleng

God Bless America Ann Corning